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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): GOTOU, et al.

Application No.: 09/965,221

Filed: September 28, 2001

For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING A SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

Group: 1732

Examiner: C. Lattin

**SUBMISSION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114**  
**(AMENDMENT)**

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December 9, 2003

Sir:

Further in response to the Office Action mailed June 9, 2003, subsequent to filing of a Notice of Appeal on October 9, 2003, and concurrently with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal, please amend the above-identified application as listed in the following, and as set forth on the following pages:

Amendments to the Claims; and

Remarks are included following the amendments.